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Case 5494CR

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of  
D. Roe et al.  
Serial No. 08/908,852  
Filed: August 8, 1997

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: Group Art Unit: 3761  
: Examiner: D. Ruhl

Title: ARTICLE HAVING A LOTIONED TOPSHEET

REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION

The Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the accompanying amendments and remarks while continuing examine the application.

**The Notice of Appeal filed on September 19, 2001, is hereby withdrawn.**

A two months extension of time is requested in the accompanying Transmittal Form.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Claims 1 and 13 have been amended as follows:

1. (5 Times Amended) A disposable article comprising:

- Sub H-1
- A) a liquid impervious backsheet;
  - B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward an interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of a wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount to reduce adherence of bowel movements to the skin of the wearer of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin; and
  - C) an absorbent core positioned between said topsheet and said backsheet;
- of the topsheet are wherein the lotion is applied to the liquid pervious topsheet in a pattern having a plurality of elements, each having a predetermined size such that macroscopic regions untreated and the topsheet has a percent open area of from about 5% to about 99%.